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1. LONG-AWAITED "DIALOGUE COMMITTEE" HAS BEEN FORMED. PRIME

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MINISTER KARAME ANNOUNCED LATE AFTERNOON SEPT 24 THAT COMMIT-

TEE WOULD MEET 1000 HOURS NEXT DAY (TODAY) AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND WOULD CONSIST OF FOLLOWING 20 PERSONS:

- (A) KAMEL AL-ASSAD (CONSERVATIVE SHI'A LEADER, SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT)
 - (B) RASHID KARAME (MODERATE SUNNI LEADER, PRIME MINISTER)
 - (C) CAMILLE CHAMOUN (RIGHTIST BUT INDEPENDENT MARONITE LEADER, FORMER PRESIDENT, INTERIOR MINISTER, HEAD OF NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY)
 - (D) ABDALLAH AL-YAFI (SUNNI LEADER, FORMER PRIME MINISTER)
 - (E) SAEB SALAAM (MIDDLE-OF-ROAD SUNNI LEADER, FORMER PRIME MINISTER)
 - (F) MAJID ARSLAN (CONSERVATIVE DRUZE LEADER, MINISTER OF HEALTH ETC.)
 - (G) PHILIPPE TAQLA (GREEK CATHOLIC, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS--CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK FOR UNGA)
 - (H) GHASSAN TUENI (GREEK ORTHODOX, MINISTER OF LABOR ETC., OWNER OF "AN-NAHAR" NEWSPAPER)
 - (I) KEMAL JUMBLATT (LEFTIST DRUZE LEADER, FORMER MINISTER, HEAD OF PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY)
 - (J) PIERRE GEMAYEL (RIGHTIST MARONITE LEADER, PHALANGE PARTY HEAD)
 - (K) RAYMOND EDDE (INDEPENDENT MARONITE LEADER, FORMER MINISTER, HEAD OF NATIONAL BLOC PARTY)
 - (L) RENE MOUAWAD (MARONITE DEPUTY FROM ZGHORTA, FORMER MINISTER, FRIENDLY TO CHEHABISTS)
 - (M) KHATCHIG BABIKIAN (ARMENIAN ORTHODOX DEPUTY FROM BEIRUT, FORMER MINISTER, FORMER CHEHABIST)
 - (N) DR. RIDA WAHID (SHIITE ALLY OF IMAM MUSA SADR, FORMER MINISTER AND FORMER DEPUTY, PRESIDENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY FUND)
 - (O) DR. ELIAS SABA (GREEK ORTHODOX, ECONOMIST, FORMER MINISTER, FREQUENT LIAISON BETWEEN PRES FRANGIE AND JUMBLATT)
 - (P) ABBAS KHALAF (FORMER MINISTER, VICE-PRESIDENT OF JUMBLATT'S PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY)
 - (Q) DR. NAJIB KARANOUEH (LEFTIST ALLY OF JUMBLATT)
 - (R) EDMOND RABBATH (ROMAN CATHOLIC, LAWYER)
 - (S) ASSAM KANSOU ((SEC. GEN. OF PRO-SYRIAN BAATH PARTY)
 - (T) DR. HASSAN AWADA (SHIITE, COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER)
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